HONOURS AWARENESS WEEK 2012

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Honours at Flinders

Why consider Honours?

There are many reasons to enrol in an Honours degree. It is a qualification that demonstrates your capacity to undertake study at an advanced level in your area. Honours also equips you with high-level research, writing and organisational skills that will be of great benefit whatever you chose to do after Honours. You can progress to a research higher degree (Masters or PhD); you can enrol in further study to hone your practical skills; or you can move into employment with enhanced qualifications.

At Flinders University, there are two pathways to an Honours Degree:

1. Bachelor entry Honours after the completion of a relevant 3 year undergraduate degree; or
2. Direct entry (4 year) combined Bachelor and Honours Degree; i.e. Bachelor of Science (Honours).

At Flinders University you can do Honours in most subject areas, listed below:

- Archaeology
- Animal Behaviour
- Applied Geographical Information Systems
- Aquaculture
- Behavioural Science
- Biodiversity and Conservation
- Biotechnology
- Business
- Business (Advanced Leadership)
- Commerce
- Commerce (Advanced Leadership)
- Creative Arts
- Computer Science
- Disability and Community Rehabilitation
- Bachelor of Disability and Development Education (Honours)
- Education
- Environmental Management
- Environmental Science
- Forensic and Analytical Chemistry
- Health Sciences
- Health and Environment
- Information Technology
- Information Technology (Digital Media)
- International Studies
- International Tourism
- Laws and Legal Practice
- Marine Biology
- Marine Biology and Aquaculture
- Midwifery
- Nanotechnology
- Nursing
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Psychological Science (Honours)
- Psychology
- Science
- Social Work and Social Planning
- Speech Pathology

For a comprehensive list of available honours topics please visit our Honours website for information on available courses, eligibility criteria and contact details please visit flinders.edu.au/courses/rules/honours.cfm

Entry Requirements

Bachelor Entry Honours (after completion of a 3 year undergraduate degree)

Entry into Honours is highly competitive. If you have demonstrated academic excellence (a grade Point Average of 5.00 or above) during your Bachelor degree you are invited to apply to undertake an Honours year – a 1 year specialisation related to your undergraduate study. These requirements may change from year to year as some courses are more competitive than others.

4 Year Direct Entry

Entry into these courses is dependent upon your academic performance at University (as measured by your Grade Point Average), your year 12 studies (or international equivalents), a completed TAFE/Vocational qualification, Foundation studies or Adult entry test. You will need to maintain an appropriate average (usually a minimum of 5.00) to retain your Honours place.
How do I Apply?
You will need to contact the Honours Coordinator in your discipline to discuss your project and make arrangements for supervision.

This information can be found at this site [flinders.edu.au/future-students/courses/honours-programs.cfm](http://flinders.edu.au/future-students/courses/honours-programs.cfm)

Some courses have specific application processes. These have been listed below for your information.

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Submit the form to:  
Admissions/Prospective Students Office  
Ground Floor, Student Centre  
T (08) 8201 3074 or 1300 657 671 (local call cost)  
Email: admissions@flinders.edu.au |
| Honours in Psychology                                                                                                   | Visit the Psychology Honours Program webpage here: [flinders.edu.au/sabs/psychology/studying-psychology/courses/honours.cfm](http://flinders.edu.au/sabs/psychology/studying-psychology/courses/honours.cfm) |
| Bachelor of Science (Biological Sciences) Honours                                                                         | Visit the Biological Sciences Honours webpage here: [flinders.edu.au/science_engineering/biology/courses/honours/eligibility.cfm](http://flinders.edu.au/science_engineering/biology/courses/honours/eligibility.cfm) |
| Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice (Honours)                                                                               | Refer to the Laws and Legal Practice Honours Webcam page here: [flinders.edu.au/ehl/law/program-and-courses/undergrads/honours.cfm](http://flinders.edu.au/ehl/law/program-and-courses/undergrads/honours.cfm) |
| Bachelor of Nursing & Midwifery (Honours)                                                                                 | Visit the Nursing and Midwifery Honours webpage here: [flinders.edu.au/nursing/studentsandcourses/coursesandeligibility/course-information/honours.cfm](http://flinders.edu.au/nursing/studentsandcourses/coursesandeligibility/course-information/honours.cfm) |
| School of the Environment Honours Programs  
Bachelor of Environmental Management (Honours)  
Bachelor of Applied GIS Honours  
Bachelor of Science (Health and Environment)  
Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science)  
Bachelor of Science (Hydrology)  
Bachelor of Science (Meteorology and Oceanography) | Visit the School of the Environment Honours Program Webcam: [flinders.edu.au/science_engineering/environment/courses/honours.cfm](http://flinders.edu.au/science_engineering/environment/courses/honours.cfm) |
Honours Awareness Week Program of Events

All Students are invited to attend the Honours Awareness Week Opening and Lunch, held on Monday September 3rd, 12:00pm in the Scholars Bar (Union Refectory). Please RSVP for catering purposes to gradresearch@flinders.edu.au

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<td>Mon 3rd Sept</td>
<td>12:00pm-2:00pm</td>
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<td>PRISM BBQ, for Medical Students</td>
<td>Wed 5th Sept</td>
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<td>School of Psychology</td>
<td>Fri 19th Oct</td>
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<td>Thurs 6th Sept</td>
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<td>Sturt N001, Staff Room, Please RSVP for catering to <a href="mailto:christina.kargillis@flinders.edu.au">christina.kargillis@flinders.edu.au</a></td>
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<td>School of Education</td>
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<td>School of Medicine</td>
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<td>School of Chemical and Physical Sciences</td>
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<td>Screen, Media, Arts and Creative Arts</td>
<td>Thurs 6th Sept</td>
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<td>Women’s Studies Honours Drop in Session</td>
<td>Thurs 6th Sept</td>
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FAQs

What kind of Grade Point Average (GPA) do I need to get into Honours?

If you have demonstrated academic excellence (GPA of 5.00 or above) during your Bachelor Degree you are encouraged to undertake an Honours year – a 1 year specialisation related to your undergraduate studies. Admission requirements are at the following website flinders.edu.au/courses/rules/honours.cfm

I just finished my Bachelor Degree and want a break from study. Do I have to do my Honours straight after my Bachelor Degree?

Usually students continue studying in their honours degree in the year after they finish their undergraduate degree. If you wish to take some time off before starting you may have to apply for your honours offer again. This is because the cut off scores and eligibility criteria may change from year to year. It is best to contact your school office or honours coordinator. You can find them at this link here flinders.edu.au/future-students/courses/honours-programs.cfm

How do I find a research topic and a supervisor?

The Honours Coordinator in your school can help you to find a supervisor. For contact details of all Honours Coordinators visit flinders.edu.au/future-students/courses/honours-programs.cfm

Do I need to attend classes in Honours?

Your Honours year will be made up of a combination of coursework topics (where you might attend lectures, seminars and tutorials), and an independent research project. The type of topics that you will take depends on your course. You can check your program of study in the course rule index here flinders.edu.au/courses/rules/honours.cfm

Are there any scholarships for Honours students?

Yes, there are scholarships available to Honours students to assist with living expenses, travel and research. For more information about applications, eligibility and deadlines please use the scholarships database here flinders.edu.au/scholarships-system/main-display-search-form.cfm. Students in receipt of Youth Allowance or Austudy may also be eligible for scholarships through Centrelink.

Can I qualify for Centrelink if I’m enrolled in Honours?

If you claimed student Centrelink benefits throughout your Bachelor Degree you might still be eligible for your payments if you are enrolled full-time in Honours topics (for example in a minimum 13.5 Units per semester). We advise that you contact Centrelink to confirm your payment arrangements before applying, as the rules and/or your individual circumstances may have changed.

Can I defer my tuition fees as I did during my Undergraduate Degree?

An Honours Degree is still classified as an undergraduate degree. If you are a domestic student you will be able to continue deferring your Student Contribution through HECS-HELP provided you meet the eligibility criteria. If you are an International student you will need to pay your fees upfront. For more information please visit the Student Finance webpage flinders.edu.au/enrolling/fee-information/fee-index.cfm

Can I study part-time?

You may be able to study part-time for your Honours Degree if you are a domestic student. International students must be enrolled full-time. Please note that if you wish to study part-time, you may have difficulty selecting core topics depending on which semester they are offered. To ensure that you can complete your Honours part-time you will need to find your Honours Course Rule here flinders.edu.au/courses/rules/honours.cfm

My Bachelor Degree doesn’t have a dedicated Honours Program but I still really want to do Honours. Are there any other options?

If your undergraduate degree does not list an Honours course for your discipline, you may still be able to apply for an Honours Degree under a different course type. For example, there is no Bachelor of Languages (Honours); however, you may be able to do a Bachelor of Arts Honours. (Languages). For this information you should contact your Honours coordinators to discuss your options.
My honours experience

Hello my name is Daria Tikhonova and I did a Bachelor of International Tourism (Honours). My Thesis title was: 'Outside the frame: re-examining the impact of photographing on the tourist experience at cultural heritage sites.'

Why did you choose to do Honours?

For me doing Honours was and is all about three key motivations: taking my research project completed in the final year of my Bachelor Degree to the next level by conducting empirical research; gaining those essential data collection and analysis skills; and, of course, approaching it as a stepping stone towards undertaking a PhD in the future. Planning to develop the work I did previously as an Honours research project has been one of the best decisions I have ever made.

How would describe your Honours experience at Flinders?

It’s an exciting ongoing process of advancing not only my analytical but also interpersonal skills. It’s the time when you can conduct your own research in the area that you are most passionate about, and share your plans and discoveries with others in different contexts!
Hi, my name is Sian La Vars and I completed a Bachelor of Science (Honours). My Thesis Title was:

‘An investigation of the effects of salinity on the chemical composition of the diatoms Chaetoceros muelleri and Thalassiosira pseudonana.’

**Why did you choose to do Honours?**

To experience what it is like to work in the field of scientific research, instead of following prescribed methods to reach a forgone conclusion. I wanted to extend my knowledge and experiences in a way that would not only contribute to the scientific community, but would also allow me to discover something that no one else has yet discovered.

**Do you think your Honours Degree will improve your career opportunities for the future?**

Definitely. It shows that you are willing to go a bit further than the bare minimum, and can overcome potential setbacks to still produce a polished piece of work.

**What do you plan to do now and in the future?**

I am currently in the first year of my PhD, researching something new and different again! After that, perhaps a job in the mining industry is beckoning, or a postdoc position at an international university.

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Hi, my name is Sarah Randall-Smith and I am currently doing Honours in Business. My thesis title is: ‘The Effect of Personality Traits on the Intrinsic, Extrinsic and Amotivation of Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students.’

**Why did you choose to do Honours?**

I chose to do Honours because I had just finished a degree in Behavioural Science and was unsure of what path I wanted to pursue. As I really enjoyed the human resources topics I studied throughout my degree, I thought Honours would be a great opportunity to develop my knowledge in this area, as well as providing me with the skills and experience I will need in the workforce.

**How would you describe your Honours experience at Flinders?**

My Honours experience so far has been really enjoyable. While it can be stressful at times, you have so many mentors that provide you with support and encouragement, which makes it much easier. I was also fortunate enough to get a job as a sessional tutor at the university, which I found incredibly valuable.

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Hi, my name is Tiffany Reeves and I am currently completing a Bachelor of Science (Forensic and Analytical Chemistry) (Honours). My Thesis Title is:

‘The chemical characterisation of paint binders in European and Australian Aboriginal painted works using pyrolysis gas chromatography mass spectrometry (py-GCMS).’

**How would you describe your Honours experience at Flinders?**

The beginning of my Honours year was quite challenging because it involved learning many new skills very quickly. Unlike my undergrad experience, I was expected to order chemicals, do paper work, and work much more independently both in planning my experiments and carrying them out. It was during this time that I realised the importance of doing an Honours year, because it provided me with so many skills in running and maintaining a laboratory and carrying out individual tasks that would be highly necessary when actually entering the work force.

**Do you think your Honours Degree will improve your career opportunities for the future?**

Yes of course. During this year I have had the opportunity to submit abstracts for my research to various conferences and a journal, and will be speaking at a conference later this year. This has enabled me to get my name out there in the science community, and has provided many opportunities to meet other people in the field. This is very important for my future career prospects because it is commonly through networking with other scientists that many job and research opportunities arise. I would not have had these opportunities if I had not done Honours.